



# NATIONAL

## Jordan, Oman discuss school cooperation

AMMAN, Dec. 5 (Petra) — Jordanian-Omani cooperation in education was discussed here today by teams led by visiting Omani Minister of Education Yahya Al Muaziri and his Jordanian counterpart, Dr. Sa'id Al Tal.

The two sides reviewed Oman's needs of qualified Jordanian personnel to contribute to that country's educational development, and the possibility of including Omani teachers in Jordanian teachers' summer courses and dispatching Jordanian educational specialists to Oman to hold refresher courses and help in drawing up its educational plans.

Oman's request for Jordanian teachers was also taken up for discussion. Dr. Tal expressed the ministry's willingness to respond

to the request and provide Oman with teachers of mathematics and sciences on a five-year secondment basis.

His Majesty King Hussein received Mr. Muaziri in audience this evening at the royal court, and conferred upon him Jordan's Independence Medal of the first order. The audience was attended by Dr. Tal and Omani Ambassador to Jordan Nazar Mohammad Ali.

Earlier today, Mr. Muaziri had met with Prime Minister Mudar Badran to discuss bilateral cooperation.

Mr. Muaziri arrived here today for a three-day visit to Jordan. In addition to his talks, he said he will tour several educational institutions to acquaint himself with Jordan's educational progress.

## Medal for a faithful friend



Mr. Ali Dajani looks on as Japanese Ambassador to Jordan Family Okada opens the box containing the First Class Order of the Sacred Treasure medal Saturday evening. The medal was conferred on Mr. Dajani, who is both director of the Amman Chamber of Industry and secretary general of the Jordan-Japan Friendship Association, by Japan-

ese Emperor Hirohito for Mr. Dajani's long and firm friendship with Japan and Japanese residents of Jordan. Mr. Dajani received the medal during a reception Saturday night at Mr. Okada's residence. Mrs. Dajani looks on from left in the photo (Staff photo by Yousef Al 'Allan)

## ILO team off to Lebanon

AMMAN, Dec. 5 (J.T.) — A delegation from the International Labour Organisation (ILO) left for Lebanon today at the end of a three-day visit to Jordan.

The delegation, which is on a tour of Arab states, held talks here with Jordanian officials and discussed the condition of Arab workers under Israeli occupation rule. The mission is preparatory to one planned for next year to the occupied Arab territories.

A Labour Ministry official said that the delegation was briefed on the plight of Arab workers due to Israel's oppressive measures, and the deteriorating labour condition due to Israel's settlement policy, its confiscation of Arab land and its demolition of homes belonging to Arab citizens, as well as the suppression of workers' rights and freedoms.

The delegation has already visited Syria. Its tour and that of next year are in implementation of a 1980 ILO resolution which condemned Israel's construction of settlements in the occupied Arab territories.

## Advertising, P.R. seminar set to open on Saturday

AMMAN, Dec. 5 (Petra) — A three-day seminar on advertising and public relations will open at the Yarmouk University liaison office on Saturday under the chairmanship of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan.

The seminar aims at analysing the current state of affairs in advertising and public relations, in view of the big progress achieved in these sectors over the past five years and as a result of the rapid growth of Jordan's economy and the expansion of the services sector, according to Dr. Mazen Al Armouti, director of the Journalism and Mass Communication Department at Yarmouk University.

The participants will discuss four major working papers, one of which will be submitted by Director General of Tourism Michael Hamarnah. His paper deals with marketing Jordan's tourist attractions locally and abroad, and offers suggestions for improving administrative and organisational measures in this respect.

Another paper will be submitted by Mr. Ali Ghandour, chairman and president of Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline. It will deal with public relations in general and means of improving Jordan's image abroad in particular, Dr. Armouti said.

The third paper, according to Dr. Armouti, will be submitted by a specialist in the advertising sector, and will deal with existing and future commercial advertising in Jordan, and private sector proposals to improve advertising.

The fourth paper, he said, focuses on the effect of public relations on contemporary economic activity, and its importance as a major information tool available to official institutions, as well as means of promoting and developing public relations skills and channels.

According to Dr. Armouti, representatives of the ministries of information, tourism and foreign affairs, as well as advertising agencies, the Amman chambers of commerce and industry, the Royal Scientific Society and Yarmouk University, in addition to a number of other concerned institutions, will take part in the seminar.

## Shocking plea against private generators

AMMAN, Dec. 5 (Petra) — Interior Minister Shukran Arar today issued a stern warning against the use of private power generators in the event of a power failure.

Mr. Arar, who is chairman of the Higher Public Safety Committee, said that the use of such private generators could result in fires or the destruction of technical equipment carrying out repair work on power supply networks. The statement appealed to the public not to use private generators at homes and factories unless connected with the power grid by electricity companies of the Jordan Electricity Authority.

The electric current is occasionally interrupted in some districts so that repair work can be done, Mr. Arar pointed out.

## Yarmouk U., Iraqis discuss cooperation

IRBID, Dec. 5 (Petra) — A visiting Iraqi cultural delegation held talks with officials of Yarmouk University today on increasing cultural and scientific cooperation with Iraqi universities.

The two sides discussed in particular the implementation of a cooperation programme on higher education and sciences for 1982-84, in accordance with a cultural agreement signed between Jordan and Iraq in 1971.

Dr. Mahmood Al Ghoul, acting president of Yarmouk University, and Dr. Abbas Abboud Abbas,

### WHAT'S GOING ON

#### Exhibitions

- Photos of the Iraqi-Iranian Gulf War, at the Iraqi press office.
- Ceramic reliefs by Maha Otaqui, at the Suhail Bisharat Gallery in Jabal Amman.
- Ceramics by Issam Nuseirat and Vivian Batahou, at the Haya Arts Centre.

#### Film

- The French Cultural Centre presents a comedy in colour, "Le Sauvage" (Arabic sub-titles), at 7:30 p.m.

#### Children's plays

- The Haya Arts Centre, in cooperation with the Goethe Institute, presents plays for children (age 5-10): "The Musicians of Bremen" and "Rapunzel", in Arabic, at 3:30 p.m.

## Plenty of fish, turkey available, ministry says

AMMAN, Dec. 5 (Petra) — Large quantities of frozen fish and turkey are available at the cold stores of the Ministry of Supply, a ministry spokesman announced here today.

He said that fishmongers and other merchants selling frozen food can visit the ministry's warehouses at Juweidh to obtain the quantities they need.

All Supply Ministry centres which sell frozen meat at Jabal Hussein and Jabal Luweidh will be selling frozen turkey and fish to the public, and to hotels and restaurants, he said. Ministry cars will be selling them to merchants.

## S. Yemeni aide due today

AMMAN, Dec. 5 (Petra) — South Yemeni Minister of Labour and Civil Service Nasr Ali Nasser is due here on Sunday for a four-day visit to Jordan.

He will hold talks with officials at the ministries of labour and social development, the Civil Service Commission, the Institute of Public Administration and the Arab Organisation of Administrative Sciences.

He will also tour a number of community centres in Jordan.

## Teaching technology dept. planned

AMMAN, Dec. 5 (Petra) — The Ministry of Education is establishing a directorate for educational technology, Minister of Education Sa'id Al Tal announced here today.

He said the projected directorate will have its own independent television and radio stations, and a centre for producing video cassettes.

The ministry's plans for the 1980s provide for developing education in Jordan with particular attention to be given to improving the standards of teachers, supervisors and administrators, as well as developing school textbooks and school facilities, Dr. Tal said. In its drive to achieve all this, he added, the ministry has to find an alternative to the current traditional methods of education.

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## Two wheels round the world

By Dominic Asquith  
Special to the Jordan Times

THE NEED for a Speke. Livingstone or Burke has obviously long disappeared. When wide sweeps of hitherto unmapped territory can be charted from the air, the old notion of an explorer, labouring in perilous circumstances in his chosen area, has been superseded. His place has been inherited by adventurous travellers who know their route from predecessors. Their plotted course takes them over some of the world's most inhospitable terrain, using a means of transport (whether it be canoe, foot or, as in this case, motorbike), which brings them into contact with conditions, landscape and people, encountered only by few outsiders. Their exploits are as worthy of narration and as absorbing for the listeners as the accounts of Curzon or Burton.

While not in sight of their personal source of the Nile or of El Dorado, Charles Batham and his Freoeh wife Veronique are approaching the last quarter of their Odyssean wanderings, whose setbacks, exhilarations and adventures rival those of the Itha-

can hero himself. In Amman at present, having travelled 180,000 kilometres, and waiting for a visa to pass through Saudi Arabia on their way to their final destination of Australia, they spoke to the Jordan Times about some of their exploits.

Charles Batham is a tall, fair-haired and powerfully-built Englishman in his mid-30s, who already had wide experience of travel before he set off from London in October 1975 on this present expedition. He had been one of four owners of a yacht called Cariad I (since bought by a Brazilian millionaire), whose international fame dates back 70 years. In 1912, Lord Dunsraven, an eccentric Irish peer who built the yacht; out-raided Kaiser Wilhelm II who had commissioned his own yacht, the Meteor, specifically to defeat his arch-rival, Cariad I went on to win more King's Cup races than any other yacht and while Mr. Batham said it, it had virtually circled the world.

While visiting the Earls Court Motorcycle Show in September 1975, Mr. Batham decided not merely to buy his first motorbike, but to travel on it around the

world. On his own, over the next three months, he was to put 12,000 kilometres on the clock as he baptised his new 1,275 Kawasaki in the snow and ice of Europe.

On the first day of 1976, he set off for the United States, and his voyage around the world had begun in earnest. However, it was not until his machine was stolen in San Francisco and the press caught wind of his exploits that Mr. Batham's journey came to be assisted by the sponsorship of Honda, Champion and Shell. He bought a massive Honda Gold Wing, which has remained his source of transport ever since. One thousand cubic centimetres, 85 horse power and water-cooled, the motorbike is more powerful than many cars.

After a brief trip to Canada, Mr. Batham headed south and entered Mexico, where he was joined by Veronique. Her background as a former model in Paris might not seem to suit her to the role of rugged traveller who would have to experience the bitter cold of Ushuaia (the southernmost tip of South America, close neighbour of Antarctica), the heat of Africa, the rugged mountain climbing or the endless expanse of desert. Yet apart from the journey through Central Africa and the Sahara, when every available square inch was needed for petrol and water, she has hidden pillion.

Having been ferried across the Darien Gap, separating Central from South America, by a ship's captain running contraband to Columbia, the Bathams snaked up and down the Andes, passing unscathed on their motorbike through the rocks rolled down the mountainsides and blocking the roads — ambushes set by robbers for unsuspecting car passengers.

From then on their itinerary becomes a catalogue of some of the world's most remarkable sights: Cotopaxi, the highest active volcano, the cathedral dug out of the rick-salt mines near Bogota and the headwaters of the Amazon. They then headed off along the Atacama Desert running from Ecuador to Chile, squeezed between the Pacific and the Andes. A detour was made to visit the Luca remains at Cuzco and the lost city of Machu Pichu, set where snow-mantled mountains drop down into deep tropical jungle valleys. Eating at heights of 4,750 metres they recall, complicated usually simple cooking operations: 12 minutes for a boiled egg, 3 hours for boiled potatoes. Then, in Bolivia, Mr. Batham was laid low by hepatitis.

Roads deteriorated rapidly, mechanical troubles occurred with increasing regularity and they arrived in Argentina soon after the military dictatorship had taken control (where Veronique was imprisoned merely for asking the directions at a police station). Using spare parts even from a tractor, the Bathams made their journey south through extreme cold in Tierra del Fuego and Ushuaia, gazed at the icebergs sailing by in Drake's Strait and heard the reverberations of the world's largest growing glacier at Perito Moreno.

Passing back through Paraguay, they flew from Brazil to Cape Town, where Mr. Batham built a trailer for the motorbike in which there was enough room to sleep, cook and store equipment rather

than heap it all on the machine as they had done until then.

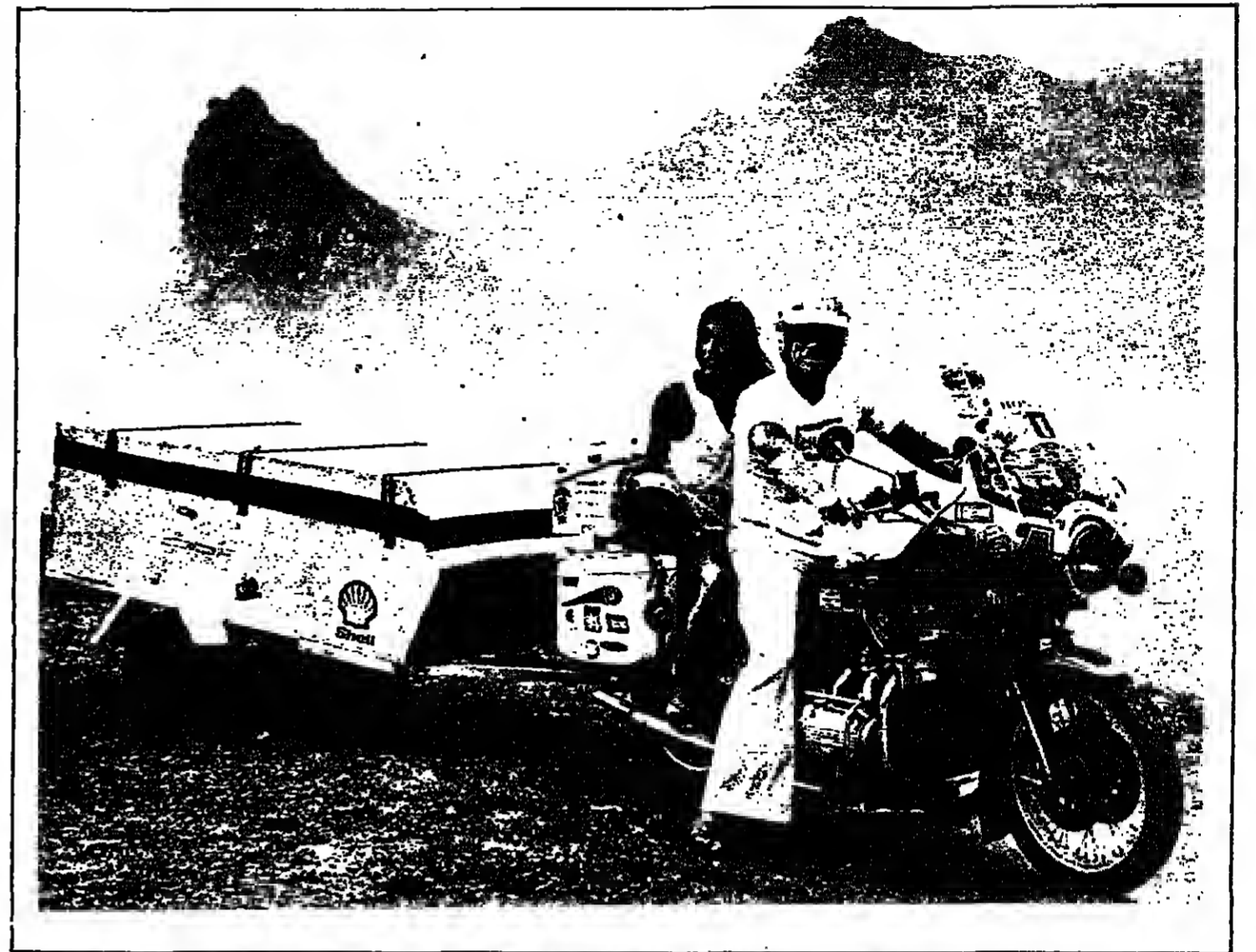
Yet now they were to run into a series of war zones. Having negotiated the Namib Desert in Botswana and the Okavanga Swamps (the largest inland delta in the world), they arrived in October 1979 at the Zambezi River the day after the Rhodesians had blown up the ferry which would have taken them across to Zambia. Caught between the Scylla and Chariodis of a war on either side of them, they were stranded for three months, fending off the natural inquisitiveness of the wild animals around them.

"It was often difficult travelling overland in Africa with a British passport," recalls Mr. Batham. "As a white man, you are the enemy until you prove otherwise. I can understand this, because spies abound and many South Africans manage to travel with British passports. So long as you remain sensitive to the suspicion which you naturally arouse, you will avoid the unhappy experiences encountered by some white people I met."

However, further trouble awaited them as they tried to enter Tanzania, when a border guard refused them entry. Perseverance finally won them a permit, but it was no easy matter to get out of Tanzania the other side, because the border with Kenya was closed. Nevertheless, a word from the right source in the ear of the inspector general of police allowed them right of passage once more.

Kenya's relaxed atmosphere and natural beauty was a welcome break after so long and tense a period. It was also a necessary tonic before attempting the most dangerous and exhausting section of the journey. Veronique flew to Paris and Charles headed through battle-torn Uganda where Tanzanian troops were still rooting out soldiers loyal to Idi Amin in the north of the country.

Extricating himself from the persistent and alcoholic hospitality of the Tanzanian troops, Mr. Batham drove the 1,000 kilometres through the Central Africa Republic in first gear, coaxing for 17 days his one ton motor-



The Bathams on their trailer-equipped motorbike with South Africa's Table Mountain in the background

bike and trailer along steaming jungle tracks that had for long remained unused and untended, and never bridges that had been left to rot. As if these did not present enough problems, he was trapped in his trailer all one night by four hungry lions and finally went down with malaria in Bangui. This area of Africa, he says, is one of the few where Pygmies still live, but their shyness makes them dangerous people to photograph.

In Nigeria, the water pump seal on the Honda began to leak, and the Sahara crossing lay ahead. Mr. Batham decided to risk it and headed into the wilderness. Because the soft sand needed the power of first and second gears, an almost intolerable burden was put on the engine. By 9.30 in the morning, the temperature gauge registered 50 degrees centigrade, and only stopped there because the gauge was not made to register any higher. The result was that when he emerged at the other side of the desert, all the water from the radiator was running straight into the crankcase and boiling out through the breather pipe. "How far can you drive a car without a radiator?" Mr. Batham asks. "Then think of putting a caravan on it."

The plan was to travel east along North Africa, but the closure of the Egyptian-Libyan border meant taking a long detour through Europe, where the contrast was sharp with the rudimentary facilities to which he had gradually grown accustomed.

Charles met up with Veronique in Paris and, having given the Honda a much needed overhaul, they set off together once more on their travels. They are frequently overcome by the warmth of hospitality accorded them in the countries through which they pass and the rare exceptions stand out vividly. There are many countries still to cross until they reach the end of the road and the world in Australia in 1983; eight years since they first set off. But travel is too much part of their lives for them to remain in one place for long. "We are planning a snowmobile expedition around the Hudson Bay," says Mr. Batham, "but that will be a relatively small exploit". What would not?

### Today's Weather

It will be fair, with variable moderate winds, changing gradually to southwesterly moderate. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

	Overnight low	Daytime high
Amman	7	22
Aqaba	11	26
Deserts	6	22
Jordan Valley	13	24

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 21, Aqaba 25. Humidity readings: Amman 22 per cent, Aqaba 35 per cent.

### NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

#### Cable to Finnish leader

AMMAN, Dec. 5 (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein today sent a cable of good wishes to the acting president of Finland, on the occasion of his country's independence day. In his cable the King wished the Finnish people further progress and prosperity.

#### JD 1.25m for Syrian-Jordanian co.

AMMAN, Dec. 5 (J.T.) — The Ministry of Industry and Trade has requested the Ministry of Finance to allocate JD 1.25 million from the government's 1982 budget as Jordan's share in the Syrian-Jordanian Industrial Company, Al Ra'i newspaper reported today. It said that in 1982 the company will need JD 2.5 million to finance white cement, carpet, insecticide and flexible pipe projects.

#### Panel to study addiction problem

AMMAN, Dec. 5 (J.T.) — Al Ra'i newspaper reported today that it has been decided to set up a special committee representing the ministries of health, social development and the interior to study the problem of alcoholism and drug addiction in Jordan. This committee will also study the possibility of establishing a treatment centre for addicts and alcoholics, it said.

#### EEC flour arrives for refugees

AQABA, Dec. 5 (Petra) — A shipment of 2,812 tonnes of flour donated by the European Economic Community (EEC) to UNRWA, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, has arrived here. The shipment will be distributed to registered refugees in Jordan.

#### Saudi finance aide due tomorrow

AMMAN, Dec. 5 (Petra) — Saudi Arabian Finance Minister Mohammad Abo Al Kheil is due here on Monday at the head of a delegation for a four-day visit to Jordan. The delegation will meet with Finance Minister Salem Mas'adeh and senior aides on ways further to bolster cooperation between Jordan and Saudi Arabia in financial affairs.

#### Masri meets Iraqi aide

AMMAN, Dec. 5 (Petra) — Minister of Public Works Awni Al Masri today discussed with Iraqi Ambassador to Jordan Ibrahim Shuja' Sultan bilateral cooperation in construction affairs. They also explored the possibility of Jordan and Iraq exchanging expertise and increasing cooperation in construction work in the future.

#### Qasem, Greek envoy confer

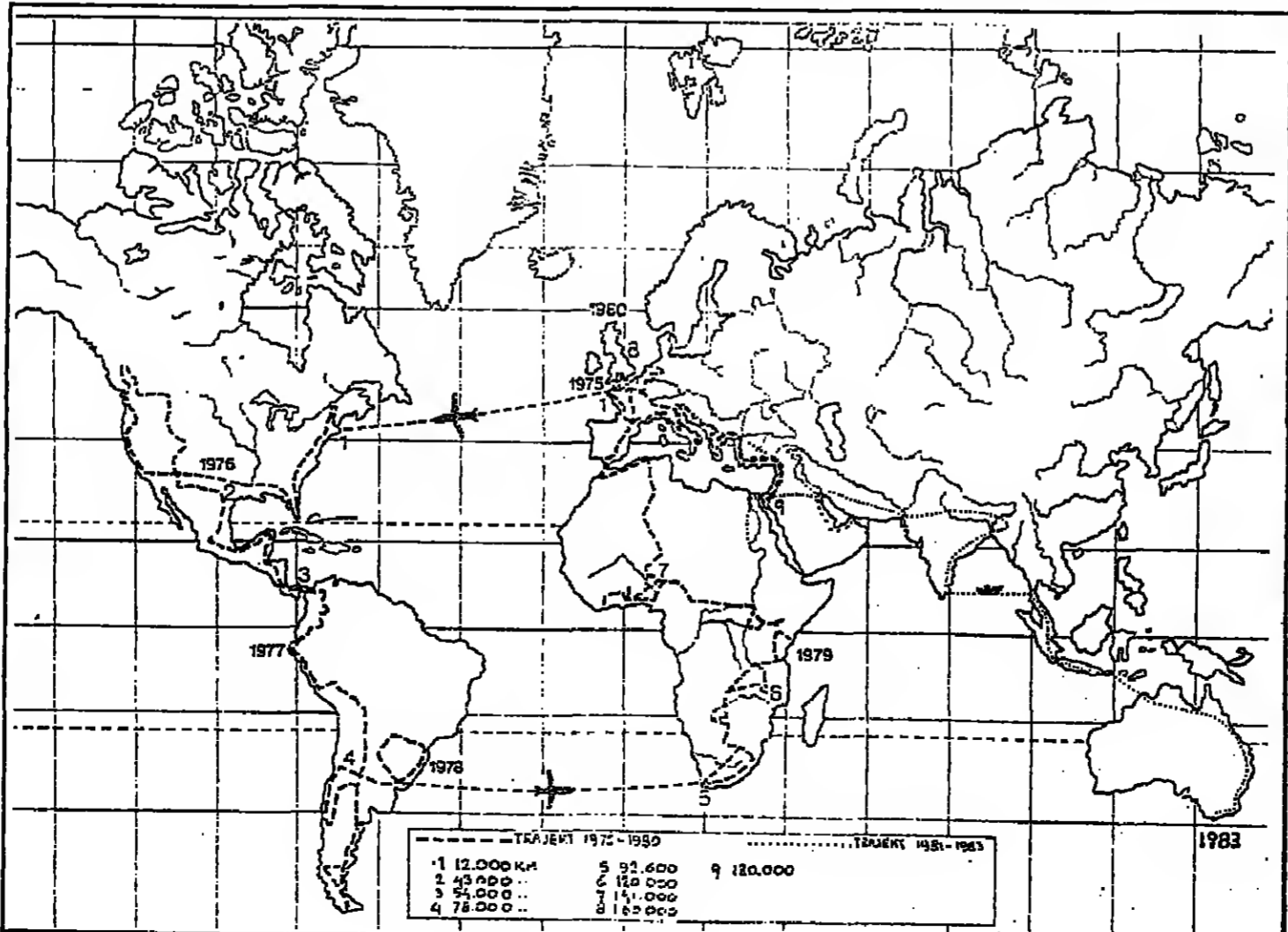
AMMAN, Dec. 5 (Petra) — Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem conferred here today with Greek Ambassador to Jordan Constantin Eliopoulos. They discussed relations between Jordan and Greece, and issues of mutual concern to both countries.

#### Tax audit seminar opens

AMMAN, Dec. 5 (Petra) — Income Tax Department Director General Abdullah Nsour opened here today a two-week seminar on advanced accountancy and audit. Twenty-one participants in the course, mostly newly employed tax assessors, will be oriented on modern audit methods to enable them to make correct assessments of income earned by firms and individuals. They will also learn of the contribution of the Income Tax Department to the country's general development. Dr. Nsour said the participants will be lectured on methods of examining merchants' accounts, and the legal and financial considerations involved in the process.



Charles Batham on his 1,000 c.c., 85 horse-power, water-cooled Honda motorbike.



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IN FOCUS

Three in one

IN OUR daily life we meet people who often behave in an awkward manner. Among them are individuals who like to brag about their personal qualities, those who take every possible opportunity to tell you what you should and what you should not do, and those who play 'stupid' when they are actually aware of what is going on.

By: Dr. Majdi Sabri

would find himself in a situation where he has a choice of two or three conflicting decisions. The best way to overcome this problem, experts recommend, is to follow the voice of the adult.



Maturing every day

WE ARE PLEASED to hear that the American government has cleared the way for Kuwait to buy the California-based oil drilling company Santa Fe International Corporation. The matter has been under study for several months, and has been opposed by some American and pro-Israeli groups who claim that Arab ownership of American companies in the energy field is against the national interest of the United States.

Lack of 'feeding' and 'free access' hinders American television coverage of Palestinians

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By John Weisman

THE SETTLEMENT STRETCHES down scrubby foothills to the Mediterranean; stark, low houses painted pastel shades. Half a kilometre away, the sea laps pebbled beaches, the same bright sapphire blue it was when Phoenician traders sailed these waters between Tyre and Acre centuries before Christ was born.

Only three of these reports — for a total of one minute, 10 seconds — showed pictures of the effects of the Israeli attacks. None showed any Palestinian victims. On the other hand, of the 14 reports of Palestinian raids and attacks on Israel during the period, 11 included pictures of Israeli victims, and the filmed reports totalled some 17 minutes.



panied by half-a-dozen aides. He sits flanked by his information chief, Mahmoud Labadi, and the PLO's top man in Lebanon, Shafik Al-Hout — with Arafat, one of the founders of the PLO.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

The Arabs must act

AL RA'Ï: It is clear that the majority of the United Nations member states support the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination, to regain their homeland and establish their independent state. They also support maintaining the Arab character of Jerusalem. This has been evident in the current discussions at the United Nations General Assembly and in the plans submitted to it on the Palestinian issue.

This support means that the Israeli efforts to diminish international concern in the issue have not been successful. It also means that more resolutions will be added to the dossier of former resolutions adopted by the United Nations. All these resolutions have not yet been able to make Israel abandon its aggressive stands and practices. Israel is still building more settlements. The Israelis are still disavowing the rights of the Palestinian people. They are still violating the sanctity and the Arab character of the Holy City.

It is now or never

AL DUSTOUR: News reports say the Israeli-U.S. strategic cooperation will include Africa in addition to the Middle East. This will surely increase the dangers ensuing from such a cooperation and strengthen Israel's military and political stand. It makes Israel a full partner in drawing up the strategy of the Arab region and Africa.

From a nearby doorway a red-haired child whose right arm ends in a peg below the elbow peers shyly at the visitors. "Also from the shelling," explains the commander, walking to the 3-year-old and caressing her curls. "It is inhuman." Inhuman, perhaps. But also virtually invisible, so far as American television is concerned. The shelling has gone on for eight years here. Yet this settlement's victims are seldom, if ever, seen on TV news programmes.

There is also a problem of access if the story moves out of Beirut. "Daily we have air raids; daily we have sea raids; daily we have commando raids; daily we have shelling. If this were happening in Maalot it would make headlines," says Yasser Arafat. But why the story doesn't get on the air often has less to do with an anti-PLO conspiracy than the Palestinians think. Arafat says, "The network crews do a good job. But the pictures don't get on the air. Why? It is the bosses. It is NBC policy!"

"I know one correspondent at another network who firmly believes that he's regarded as a PLO lover and because of it he can't get on the air," says ABC London-based anchorman Peter Jennings. To these charges NBC News president William Small says, "Baloney." His opinion is echoed by CBS Evening News executive producer Sanford Socolow. And ABC World News Tonight executive producer Jeff Grubnick calls claims of favoritism "garbage."

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# FEATURES

## Architectural exhibition boost urban renewal



KFURT AM MAIN—The Dresdner Bank building in furt am Main, Federal Republic of Germany, is a far cry from the recently rebuilt Opera cities. Work has begun on the 1984 architectural exhibition in West Berlin, where entire housing estates will be designed to make the city a better place to live in.

both testify to an aspect of renewal in major German cities.

— German Features

## Britain's first adoption shop

# And pretty babes all in a row

An unusual shop was opened recently in a busy high street in South East London. It is called the Family Finding Unit, and BBC World Service went along to the opening.

Wedged between the local stores and supermarkets, the Greenwich Family Finding Unit has a neat welcoming shopfront. When you walk inside you are faced with large advertising displays. The first one that meets the eye bears the headline Be My Parent. Underneath are photographs of children with their ages and descriptions.

All these children are, in fact, in the care of the local authority for various reasons — it may be because they come from single parents who cannot manage on their own, from families where there is serious illness, or where the parents cannot cope with a mentally or physically handicapped child.

The 'shop' is run by the Greenwich local authority child care services. Of course, it is not a shop in the real sense as children are not merely for sale. The centre's aim is to encourage the fostering or adoption of children who would otherwise be in care in institutions.

Murray Marks, the Children's Services Officer, explained why this commercial-style approach was being used for a subject as emotionally sensitive as fostering and adopting children: "It's an opportunity for us to broadcast, in a general way, the need for more parents to adopt children with special needs. It's an attempt, in other words, to make it a more accessible face to the public."

A shop in the local high street is certainly more accessible to the public than a vast complex, housing all the local government offices. Prospective foster parents, it is hoped, will feel more at ease dropping in and having a chat about possibly taking an extra child into their families, or adopting one if they are unable to have one of their own.

This is not the first time this system has been tried in Britain. It was pioneered in 1979 by the charitable organisation known as Dr. Barnardo's Homes, but this is the first time it has been used by a local authority. Their hopes are that it will enable more children to grow up in a family environment.

As the Chairman of the Social Services said at the opening: "We want to avoid putting children into institutionalised care. I always believe a child is entitled to a family background."

The motivation behind the scheme is certainly idealistic but, even so, isn't it a little heartless to have catalogues of children needing parents? If children are 'advertised' as it were, and nobody wants them, are they not likely to feel more rejected than before? Murray Marks commented: "I think we have to be careful, we have to be sensitive. We have to recognise that many of these children have had upsetting experiences in the past, and it would be wrong of us to do more damage."

"We try and be very selective. We can only use the direct advertising approach with a limited number of children who feel that they personally can cope with it, and whose parents will give us permission to do so."

— BBC World Service

# The agony of a disturbed meal

LONDON — A banquet for Prince Charles and Princess Diana by the speaker of the House of Commons was ruined Tuesday night when senior politicians attending it were summoned unexpectedly by clanging bells to vote in the middle of the meal.

Division bells signalling that a vote was about to take place in the Commons began ringing, creating what the London Times described as "general consternation" at the banquet.

The sumptuous meal was being held a short distance from the Commons in the speaker's house, official residence of Speaker George Thomas. Electric bells ring throughout the Palace of Westminster whenever a vote is about to take place.

The Times reported that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who was sitting next to the 33-year-old heir to the British throne and his 20-year-old wife, "was not amused" and that Thomas apologised to the royal couple.

The summons to vote came from Member of Parliament Tam Dalyell, of the Opposition Labour Party. He forced votation on a technical motion of adjournment that normally is passed without a vote after tempers rose during a debate with Conservatives in the House over factory closures.

— Associated Press



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Jumbles: GUMMY BALKY FACILE NICELY  
Answer: There's a horse in the manager's office — "A NAG"



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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